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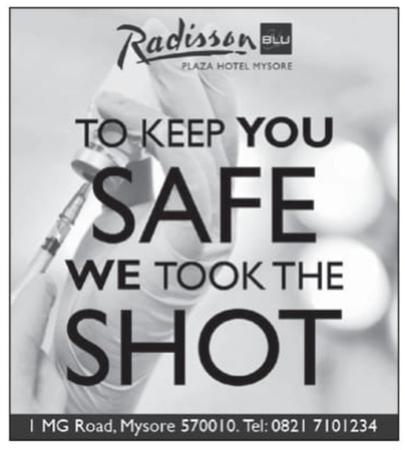
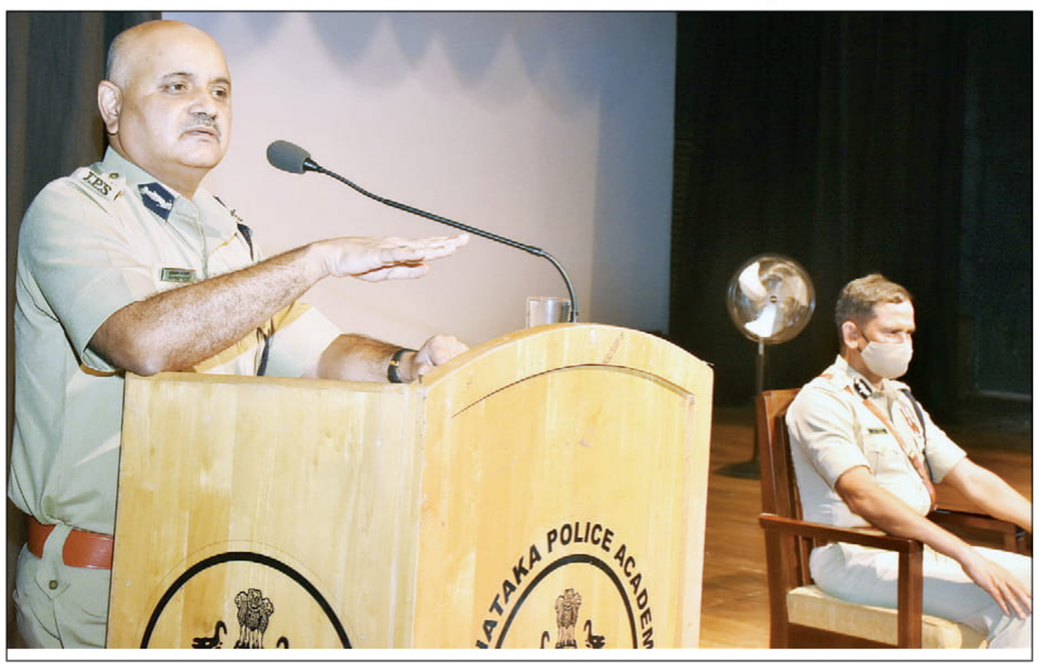


DG&IGP Praveen Sood on a three-day visit

To hold marathon meetings on COVID lockdown, law & order in Mysuru



Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood addressing Probationary Dy.SPs and PSIs at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) in city this morning as KPA Director Vipul Kumar looks on. Picture right shows a section of the gathering at the Academy.

Mysuru, July 3 (RK&BCT)- Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood arrived in city this morning on a three-day visit. His visit at this time assumes significance as he is expected to review the COVID lockdown situation in Mysuru and also the law and order status.

Sood, who had served as the Mysuru City Police Commissioner from 2003 to 2007, arrived this morning and was received at DG Suit located near the IGP Office by IGP (Southern Range) Praveen Madhukar Pawar.

Among others present to receive the Top Cop were Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Director Vipul Kumar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan, KSRP Commandant R. Janardhana and Police Training School-Mysuru Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti .

The DG&IGP, after addressing Probationary Dy.SPs and PSIs at KPA, will visit Fifth Battalion of KSRP Mysuru later in the afternoon. He will stay in Mysuru today and on Monday, is scheduled to visit the City Police Commissioner's Office and hold a meeting with senior officers of the district and city. Sood will leave for Bengaluru headquarters on Monday evening.

(See SOOD on page 7)

Long-standing staff of Muzrai Temples to be transferred ?

Commissioner seeks details of employees who have completed five years in one place

Rohini Sindhuri

Mysuru / Bengaluru, July 3 (BCT)- Former Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri, who is now the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, has issued a circular seeking details of the Muzrai Temple staff who are serving in all categories of temples for more than five years.

As per Government rules, no State staff can serve in a particular place for more than three years and this rule has so far not been applied to staff of Muzrai Temples. Now the Commissioner has moved in the direction of applying the same yardstick to the staff serving at various temples for more than five years.

(See TEMPLES on page 7)

Chamundi Hill Temple in Mysuru

Sri Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud

It may be recalled here that last year, three employees of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru, a 'Grade A temple,' were suspended for manipulating software at the special entry counter and swindling lakhs of rupees. In 2018, the then Mysuru DC D. Randeep had suspended a Chamundi Hill Temple Priest for keeping the 'Mangalarathi Thatte' (plate where devotees offer money) on the offering box thereby preventing devotees from putting money into the offering box.

This apart, three employees of Sri Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud, another major 'A Grade' category temple, were booked for depositing less money than was collected from devotees performing *thulabara* and other *sevas.*

Complaints have also come from other famous temples like the Kollur Mookambika Temple where the gold ornaments of the Goddess kept in the Treasury worth crores of rupees were stolen.

Minister reacts

Reacting to her circular, Muzrai Minister Kota Sreenivasa Poojari said that priests and staff working in A and B Grade category temples have to be transferred to other similar temples in a particular district.

"Many priests and staff too have expressed their desire to serve in different temples. The decision has been taken in the interest of Administration and a direction has been issued to make a list of staff working at one particular temple for more than five and 10 years," he added.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 3rd July 2021

Rtn. Ravindra Bhat to take over as District Governor on July 7

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&DM)- Rtn. A.R. Ravindra Bhat of Rotary Central Mysore will take charge as District Governor of Rotary International (RI) District 3181at a programme to take place at Hotel Pai Vista on B.N. road at 4 pm on July 7.

Rtn. Ravindra

Addressing a press meet here on Thursday, Rtn. Ravindra Bhat said that the annual Rotary Year begins on July 1 and ends on June 3o the following year.

Noting that this year Rotary will carry out activities with the theme 'Serve to Change Lives', he said that Rotary will join hands with Forest Department for ending man-animal conflicts and promoting afforestation.

Highlighting the service activities over the years, Ravindra Bhat said that they will launch more blood donation camps setting a target of 250 blood units collection. Noting that Rotary also plans to distribute books to thousands of students, he said that they have proposed to start many initiatives such as Positive Health, Literacy Programmes, Road Traffic Awareness, Blood Donation, Health check-up camps and the like.

Rotarians C.S. Ravishankar, R. Venkatesh, S. Vasudevan, Vivek and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

VVIP convoys have become yet another manifestation of a political and administrative culture where public servants' self-esteem depends on the distance they can maintain from the public. Police are overzealous because they respond to a system where public inconvenience is extremely low priority. VVIP convoys in Indian cities are particularly unwelcome. Most cities suffer terrible traffic congestion — in Mumbai it is estimated that a trip takes about 53% more time than it should, in Bengaluru 51% and in New Delhi 47%. On top of this there are few green corridors for ambulances. So, road blockades set up to smoothen VVIP movement worsen the situation painfully. There was hope following the 2017 Union Cabinet decision to end the *lal batti raj.* ***But long snaking VVIP convoys aren't part of this change. And MLAs from Haryana to Himachal Pradesh have tried to retain traffic privileges with flags atop their vehicles. By contrast, in America the idea of holding up citizens for hours for the convenience of politicians would be laughable. In New Zealand, when the PM's motorcade was caught over the speed limit, it was fined for dangerous driving. In Scandinavian countries, far from reserving a faster lane for themselves,*** *netas* ***take public transport shoulder to shoulder with citizens. This is the direction our democracy must take too. For VVIP protection, the State must deploy smarter security arrangements and nix those convoys. When public servants are driven, let the public not be driven to despair, or worse.***

— In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

One of the craziest bikes one could ever see

London: This craziest insane bike known as Whitelock Tinker Toy, is a 48-cylinder motorcycle, which holds the record for the functional vehicle with the most number of cylinders.

English motorcycle enthusiast Simon Whitelock is the "madman" responsible for the existence of this outrageous contraption. It is based on the Kawasaki 250 S1, a relatively small bike equipped with a 3-cylinder 250 cc engine capable of putting out 31 hp, but you couldn't really tell by looking at it. That's because this souped-up Kawasaki features six rows of eight original S1 cylinders, stripped off of 16 S1 motorcycle engines. All cylinders are connected to a common transmission, borrowed from a BMW motorcycle and require more than the regular electric starter motor to start it...

Artist creates tattoos that look like stickers

Toronto: Canadian tattoo artist Luke Cormier has a very distinct art style – he creates colorful tattoos that look like peel off stickers on the skin.

Featuring all sorts of popular cartoon and video game characters, from Super Mario to the Powerpuff Girls or Rick and Morty, Luke Cormier's tattoos are some of the most adorable we've ever seen. But what really makes his designs stand out is the sticker treatment. Complete with a white line, clever shading and realistic-looking creases, they look like actual stickers ready to peel off, even though they are inked with a tattoo gun.

Cormier became a tattoo artist somewhat by mistake, as he always dreamed of becoming a piercer. perhaps it's for the best that things happened this way, otherwise we wouldn't have these amazing tattoos.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Fever continued for more than 3 days/increasing cough or fast breathing / tiredness / loose stools / blood oxygen saturation less than 95%, blue extremities/ dull/ not feeding/ convulsions are danger signs in covid positive children.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar U.S. - Consultant Paediatrician

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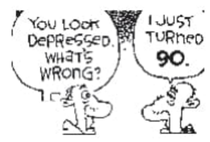

Happiness peaks around retirement age, 55 to 75. Happiness plunges as health declines in the geriatric years after age 75. Enjoy life to the fullest while you have your health.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 1	JULY 2
Day's Positive Cases	366	457
Total Positive Cases	1,66,940	1,67,397
Day's Discharges	247	494
Total Discharges	1,60,274	1,60,763
Day's Deaths	5	5
Total Deaths	2,182	2,187
Total Active Cases	4,484	4,442

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Teaching, non-teaching staff of unaided schools to get Rs.5,000 each soon

Bengaluru, July 3 (SSV)- The State Government has released Rs.103.47 crore towards payment of a special package of Rs. 5,000 each for teachers and non-teaching staff of all the unaided Primary and High Schools who are facing crisis in the current lockdown due to Corona.

An order to this effect has been issued by S.R.S. Nathan, Government Under Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education, here yesterday. Accordingly, 1,72,945 teachers and 34,000 non-teaching staff working in the unaided Primary and High Schools will receive the special package of Rs. 5,000 each. This money had been released under Sahaya-RTE account head meant for the non-Government Primary Schools. Before making payment, officials must ensure regarding linking of bank account of beneficiaries with Aadhaar number. Monthly statement of expenditure must be stored in new digital support system software.

REALLY...?

- ***Sand is usually made of silica: Silica is actually silicon dioxide (SiO2), which is a compound that makes up most of the earth's crust. It also makes up the mineral quartz and actually has many uses (including making ceramics, concrete and countertops). Sand comes in many colours. It all depends on what sorts of minerals make up the sand. Our beaches in Sunset Beach are made of hard quartz (silica) which has the colour of - well - sand! It's usually light tan (but if you look really closely you will see flecks of white, black, brown and pink). Tropical beaches (like Hawaii) are more white because they are made up of calcium carbonate (which is just the broken down skeletons of coral and other marine life).***
- ***The "black" sands of Santorini, Greece, are black due to the red and black volcanic lava rocks that make up their beaches.***

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Husband: *Do you know the meaning of wife?*
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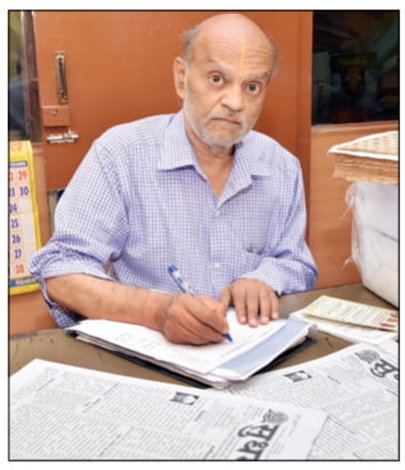
Wife: *No darling,*
It means With Idiot For Ever!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.48
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.02
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.28
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.39

VOICE OF THE READER

K.V. Sampath Kumar: Death in harness



Sir,

The death of K.V. Sampath Kumar, Managing Editor, *Sudharma,* was literally in harness since it occurred on Wednesday (June 30) while he was editing *Sudharma* of the day which his late father K.N. Varadaraja Iyengar had started in 1970.

He had been striving hard to develop and reach this level by promoting, preserving and spreading Sanskrit among the masses. No wonder, the Government bestowed *Padma Shri* on him and his wife.

Here I recall two incidents with him, one about 10 years ago and the other a recent one:

It was in October 2012 when he invited me for *Sudharma's* 43rd Anniversary where he wanted to honour late Krishna Vattam and myself. I still preserve the memento *(see photo above)* with *Sudharma* and Varadaraja Iyengar photo along with a shawl presented by Parakala Mutt Swamiji.

The other heart-touching incident happened over a month ago when Sampath Kumar had come to meet me at my Apartment and our Security Guard not allowing him inside due to Corona protocol. I rushed down and felt so embarrassed to see him in the hot sun holding fruits to offer me. When I wanted to congratulate him for *Padma Shri*, he so politely said that it is the support given for the growth of *Sudharma.*

He said he came to request personally for an article from me as he knew my closeness with his father, for the Birth Centenary Celebration of Varadaraja Iyengar in September 2021. I again felt so much humbleness even in his request.

Anyway, I sent the article by Speed Post on Tuesday which must have been delivered on the day of his death. Alas! he couldn't open it. May God give his soul eternal peace.

—K. Vijayakumar
V.V. Mohalla 2.7.2021

Two from Mysuru selected for Kannada Book Authority Awards

Bengaluru, July 3 (KMS&DM)- The Kannada Book Authority (KBA) on Friday announced its annual awards for the year 2020.

KBA Chairman Nandeesh Hanche said veteran scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry (Mysuru) has been selected for Dr. M.M. Kalburgi Humanities Studies Award which carries a cash prize of Rs.75,000 and a citation. Syed Isak, also of Mysuru, whose Library 'Pustaka Mane' in Udayagiri, was burnt down recently, has been selected for Dr. G.P. Rajarathnam Literary Promotion Award that carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 and a citation. Noted Science Communicator Dr. Sudhindra Haldodderi of Bengaluru, who passed away yesterday, was selected for Dr. Anupama Niranjana Medical and Science Literary Award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.

Dr. Venkatachala Shastry and Syed Isak

Nandeesh Hanche further said that Hubballi's Sahitya Prakashana has bagged the Best Publisher Award (cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation).

Noted Science Communicator Dr. Sudhindra Haldodderi passes away

He was selected for Dr. Anupama Niranjana Medical and Science Literary Award by KBA

Bengaluru, July 3- Noted Science Communicator in Kannada and former Scientist of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) Dr. Sudhindra Haldodderi (61) passed away here on Friday.

Dr. Sudhindra, who suffered a heart attack last week, was being treated at a Bengaluru Hospital, where he breathed his last on Friday afternoon. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. His body was donated to Bangalore Medical College as per his wishes, according to family sources.

Dr. Sudhindra, an aeronautical scientist and an alumnus of IIT-Madras, was an expert on Aircraft mechanical systems. Working for over two decades with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and DRDO at Bengaluru, he had worked on fighter jets, helicopter engines and Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) projects. Dr. Sudhindra had also worked with renowned Rocket Scientist and former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for a brief period. After taking voluntary retirement from Government service, he was teaching Aeronautical Science subjects at Jain University. He had won many awards and prizes, including National Science Day medal and citation of the Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister, DRDO Technology Group Award, Silver Jubilee Award of Karnataka Vijnana Parishat and Best Science Communicator Award, among others.

Dr. Sudhindra Haldodderi

Unfortunately, Dr. Sudhindra passed away on the day when KBA announced Dr. Anupama Niranjana Medical and Science Literary award for him on Friday.

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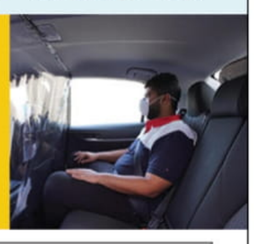
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Tributes to *Sudharma* Sampath Kumar

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&DM)- Tributes poured in for *Sudharma* Sanskrit Daily Managing Editor K.V. Sampath Kumar, who passed away recently, at a condolence meeting organised at Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) Office here yesterday.

Sanskrit Scholar H.V. Nagaraja Rao said that though there were many Sanskrit scholars in the country, no one had the courage to publish a Sanskrit daily just as Sampath Kumar did.

Maintaining that *Sudharma* daily is credited with popularising Sanskrit language, which was hitherto restricted to just temples, weddings and such other functions, he recalled that Varadaraja Iyengar released the copy of the first Sanskrit daily *Sudharma* at Maharaja Sanskrit Pathashala in Mysuru on July 15,1970. Later after the death of Varadaraja Iyengar, his son

Sampath Kumar took over the running of the newspaper and ensured that the newspaper did not stop for any reason.

Observing that *Sudharma* daily triggered AIR to broadcast Sanskrit news everyday in the morning, Nagaraja Rao said that Sampath Kumar, along with his wife Jayalakshmi were steadfast in running the newspaper despite having less circulation and subscribers, for the promotion and cause of Sanskrit.

Contending that Sampath Kumar and his wife never made any representation to any one seeking awards or prizes, he said that the coveted *Padma Shri* award announced by the Prime Minister, itself speaks volumes about the couple's humbleness and simplicity.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Press Photographers Association President Pragathi Gopalakrishna, senior journalist M.T. Jayaram, K. Deepak and others too spoke.

MDJA office-bearers M.S. Basavanna, M. Subramanya, Rangaswamy, Nagesh Panathale, K.J. Lokesh Babu, Bannur K. Raju and others were present.

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CKD is an irreversible condition due to permanent damage to both the kidneys, warranting dialysis support. CKD patients need close monitoring and timely dialysis initiation to prevent serious complications like water accumulation in the lungs, anaemia, heart rhythm abnormalities, coma and death. Haemodialysis, a painless procedure helps patients to survive for many years, if they strictly adhere to their schedule. Another option for these patients is kidney transplantation where a healthy kidney from a suitable donor is placed in the recipient. Kidney transplantation gives better life expectancy and quality of life as compared to haemodialysis.

The main factor which decides the survival of these patients is uninterrupted treatment, which is a challenge especially in a pandemic situation, but we all have to fight it together.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Due to emergency maintenance work at 66/11 KV Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (July 4) between 10 am and 5 pm: Bannimantap 'A' Layout, Haleem Nagar, Highway Circle, Medar Block, KSRTC depot, Slum and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), N.R. Mohalla.

Babu Jagjivan Ram death anniversary

The 35th death anniversary (Punya Smarane) of former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram will be observed by the District Administration on July 6 by garlanding his statue at the City Railway Station Circle, according to a press release issued by the office of the Deputy Commissioner.

DISHA Committee meeting on July 8

The third quarterly meeting of District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA Committee) for the year 2020-2021 will be held at 10 am on July 8 at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium. MP Pratap Simha will preside over the meeting, according to a press release from ZP Planning Director.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	**124.80**	feet
Today	:	**91.92**	feet
Yesterday	:	**92.38**	feet
Inflow	:	**1,418**	cusecs
Outflow	:	**4,716**	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,284.00**	feet
Today	:	**2,275.90**	feet
Inflow	:	**1,179**	cusecs
Outflow	:	**700**	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,859.00**	feet
Today	:	**2,841.77**	feet
Inflow	:	**375**	cusecs
Outflow	:	**80**	cusecs

Rs. 545 crore Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project

Funds will not be an impediment, assures MP Pratap Simha

Mysuru, July 3 (SBD&BCT)- Funds will not be a shortage for the ambitious Rs. 545 crore Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project aimed at supplying drinking water to Mysuru City and 92 villages around it. The project has already been initiated and funds will be released from time to time, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has told Water Board officials.

Holding a meeting with the officers at the Water Board Chief Engineer's Office in city on Thursday, the MP reviewed the progress of the project and also obtained information from the officials on the next set of works to be undertaken.

Tenders for the project were floated in December 2020 and the first phase of the project is being taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 350 crore. Once the project is implemented, the city and its neighbouring villages will get 300 Million Litres per Day (MLD) water from River Cauvery. This would be in addition to 250 MLD being supplied to the city at present. This project will get Cauvery water from Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam backwaters instead of the present practice of lifting water from the Canals and it is one of the biggest drinking water supply projects in South India. A majority of the areas covered under the project is located in Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency.

MP Pratap Simha holding a meeting with the officers at the Water Board Chief Engineer's Office in city on Thursday.

Pratap Simha told the officials that the project was initiated by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and when H.D. Kumaraswamy was the CM, Rs. 350 crore has been allocated to the project with works beginning under the present BJP dispensation. "The actual cost of the project is Rs. 545 crore and Rs. 350 crore has been set aside. Funds will not be a problem for this project which benefits a large population and money will be released from time to time," the MP told Water Board Chief Engineer Siddanayak and other officers.

Later speaking to *Star of Mysore,* the MP said that the project will supply 24x7 water to the entire Mysuru city — along with the existing water supply system — and also outskirts. "The Hale Unduwadi project was launched in 2012 and Rs. 545 crore was estimated. Later, the tenders were called for a limited Rs. 350 crore. It is difficult to implement such a mega project with limited resources," he said.

"MUDA has sanctioned 90 acres of land at Beechanakuppe and water will be drawn through gravity. The project entails construction of a Water Treatment Plant at Beechanakuppe, a jack-well to pump water from there and money is required to lay Canals and pipelines to supply water to various balancing reservoirs. I have told the officers to go ahead with the works as the release of funds will be unhindered," Simha said.

The ambitious project will be implemented in its original form where all the earlier proposed project additions would be implemented, he said and added that if required, more money would be brought from the Government. "The aim is to provide perennial water to Mysuru city and also to the villages surrounding the city. This project would fulfil the needs of people in Mysuru city, parts of Hunsur, Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya district and it is my responsibility to get more money for the project in case of requirement," he said.

Assault on ASHA worker

Accused arrested by Bannur Police

ASHA workers submitting a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham on Thursday seeking stringent action against accused Siddaraju for allegedly assaulting a ASHA worker.

T. Narasipur/ Bannur, July 3 (SK,Prabhu-&KS)- Bannur Police have arrested the accused, who had assaulted a ASHA worker for asking him to get his COVID positive baby treated. The accused is 37-year-old Siddaraju, a resident of B. Seehalli in the taluk, while the ASHA worker, who was assaulted, is Lakshmi.

Siddaraju

ASHA workers Lakshmi and Latha were collecting information of COVID patients by visiting houses at B. Seehalli. When Lakshmi visited the house of accused Siddaraju, she told him that his one-and-a-half-year-old baby was confirmed with COVID and asked him to get his baby admitted to the Children's Ward at Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru.

Irked over this, Siddaraju told her that he had got the baby treated at Bannur Government Hospital already and they (baby's parents) would take care of the baby very well. But when Lakshmi insisted that the baby be admitted to the hospital, wordy duel ensued between Siddaraju and Lakshmi and Siddaraju, not only abused her, but also allegedly assaulted Lakshmi, it is learnt.

Following the incident, Lakshmi had lodged a complaint with Bannur Police, who registered a case and arrested Siddaraju. Accused Siddaraju was produced before a Court, which remanded him to judicial custody.

Meanwhile, ASHA workers, who met DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham on Thursday, sought stringent action against accused Siddaraju and submitted a memorandum to the DC.

Girijan activist M.B. Prabhu passes away

Hunsur, July 3- M.B. Prabhu (55), noted Girijan activist and Founder of Bharatiya Girijana Shikshana Samsthe at Nagapura in Hunsur taluk, passed away here yesterday following brief illness.

M.B. Prabhu

He leaves behind his wife P.B. Veena, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. His last rites were performed at Nagapura Tribal Hamlet last evening, according to family sources.

A native of Guttal village in Haveri district, Prabhu earned his Masters Degree in Social Work from Dharwad's Karnatak University and later thought at the same University for some time. Getting inspired about the life of tribal people while reading a book, Prabhu came to Mysuru and later went to Hunsur, which had a sizeable tribal population. Settling down at Nagapura tribal hamlet in order to work for the cause of Girijans, Prabhu married Veena, a tribal woman.

Lending a voice for tribal rights, he had untiredly worked for the cause of tribals from Kodagu, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Hassan districts. Fighting for the cause of tribals, he had landed in prison for taking on the Forest Department.

Obituary

Dr. Abdul Rashid Khan

Mysuru, July 3- Dr. Abdul Rashid Khan (79), a retired Veterinarian and a resident of Rajivnagar in city, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a son.

Last rites were held at Muslim Burial Grounds in city yesterday.

KSOU again accused of flouting rules

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&DM)- The Karnataka State Open University's (KSOU) decision to issue degrees to students (2012-13), who pursued education through its Academic Collaborative Institutions (ACIs) located outside the State, has stirred a hornet's nest.

The ACIs was a major reason for the de-recognition of KSOU courses by the UGC in 2015. The UGC had discontinued recognition of all courses run by the Open Varsity from the year 2012-13 due to certain violation of norms. However, after much efforts by KSOU authorities and people's representatives, the UGC granted recognition again in 2018 with a set of conditions which chiefly included non-awarding of degrees to students from outside the State.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, K.S. Shivaramu, President of Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike and also a former member of Board of Management (BoM) of KSOU, said that the KSOU Registrar in a notification issued on April 8, has asked the students to submit applications to obtain degrees.

Alleging that the Varsity's decision to award degrees is violation of norms, he questioned the rationale behind the issuance of the Apr.8 notification, when the UGC has directed the KSOU not to award degrees to students who pursued education through ACIs outside the State. Pointing out that he has lodged a Police complaint against the KSOU and ACIs in 2019 in connection with the Varsity's wrongdoings, he said that the case is now pending before the Court.

Cautioning that the KSOU might lose its UGC recognition once again if it went ahead with awarding degrees to ACIs students, Shivaramu warned that he will stage a demonstration in front of the UGC office if KSOU does not withdraw its notification.

UGC has permitted award of degrees: KSOU VC

However, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar denied Shivaramu's allegations and said that the UGC has granted permission to award degrees. Asserting that there is no violation of any UGC rule, Prof. Vidyashankar said that certificates will be issued to students who had enrolled for non-technical courses in 2012 and beyond. The UGC has approved to award Bachelor degrees, he clarified.

Prof. S. Vidyashankar

No RT-PCR report needed for vaccinated travellers from Kerala

Bengaluru, July 3 (UNI)- The Karnataka Government has said that passengers from Kerala with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine certificates will be exempted from producing negative RT-PCR reports, as the State has taken special surveillance measures for people coming from Kerala.

According to the order regarding special surveillance measures for persons arriving from Kerala, vaccination certificates of having received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be exempted from producing RT-PCR certificate.

Earlier in its order on Thursday, the Karnataka Government made it mandatory for travellers entering the State from Kerala via rail, road or air to produce the RT-PCR negative report not older than 72 hours or a vaccination certificate of at least one dose, as the State has taken up special surveillance measures in the wake of Delta Plus variant of COVID-19 being reported from several districts of Kerala.

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However, an exemption has been provided to the people who have received both the doses of COVID-19 vaccine, constitutional functionaries, health workers and children below two years of age. In case of dire emergency situations like death in the family and medical requirements, the passengers shall be allowed even without these requirements after collecting their swabs along with details of identity.

Ministers' itinerary in Mysuru on July 5 and 6

Mysuru, July 3- Co-operation and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will be undertaking a two-day tour of Mysuru district on July 5 and 6.

On July 5, he will be attending foot kit distribution programme at Suttur Mutt at 10 am and Kabini Advisory Committee Meeting for the year 2021-22 at Zilla Panchayat at 11 am which will also be attended by Primary & Secondary Education and Sakala Minister S. Suresh Kumar. Later, Somashekar will visit Cauvery Art Gallery at Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises and hold meeting with officials at 3 pm.

On July 6, as part of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram's 35th Death Anniversary, the District Minister will be garlanding the late leader's statue at City Railway Station Circle at 9.30 am, will launch

Somashekar

Suresh Kumar

15,000 sapling plantation drive of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at 9.45 am, inaugurate District Co-operative Central Bank's new branch at Hebbal at 10.30 am, attends loan distribution programme of Mysuru District Co-operative Bank at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) premises at 11 am and take part in the programme at SMT Hospital at 12.30 pm during which Oxygen Concentrators worth Rs. 38 lakh will be handed over to the Hospital by Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru.

Phone-in programmes by Govt. Departments

Mysuru, July 3- **The Horticulture Department** will be holding a phone-in programme between 11 am and 12 noon on July 5 (Monday) in connection with the Department's Horticulture programmes, loan/ financial aids given by the Department and other related topics.

During the programme, farmers can contact the Deputy Director on Ph: 0821-2420066, according to a press release from Deputy Director K. Rudresh.

Women & Child Development Department will be holding phone-in programme from 10.30 am to 11.30 am on July 5.

Department Dy. Director Geethalakshmi will take part in the programme. Interested public may call Ph: 0821-2495432 and air their grievances, according to a press release.

The Backward Classes Welfare Department will also conduct a phone-in programme to hear public grievances on July 5 and July 19 between 10 am and 11 am on both the days. The members of the public from across the district can air their complaints or grievances on issues concerning the Department, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 74119-38640.

The Animal Husbandry Department too will conduct a phone-in programme on veterinary issues on July 5 and July 19 from 10 am to 11 am on both the days. Members of the public can take part in this phone-in programme and get their problems or grievances on cattle or other animal care issues addressed. For details, call Ph: 0821-2420606 or 99450-42815.

'Khelo India' sports meet early next year, says Minister

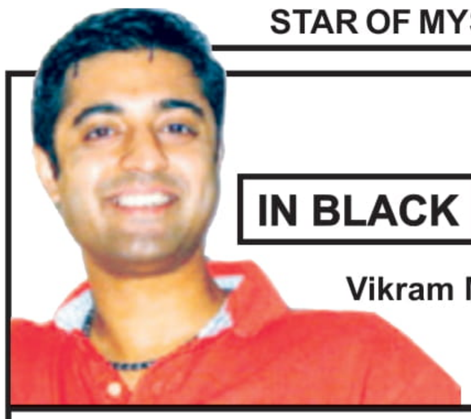
Mysuru, July 3 (MK&DM) - Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayanagowda said that 'Khelo India' Sports Meet for school children and youths will take place in the State next year as wished by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking to press persons at the BJP Office here on Thursday, he said the Government is working towards making the State a sports superpower of the country.

Pointing out that 'Khelo India' meet is likely to take place in Bengaluru in February or March next year in association with Bengaluru's Jain University, he said that the national meet is expected to attract good participation of school children from across the country.

Noting that sporting activities is slowly returning to normalcy following the subsidence of COVID pandemic, the Minister announced that the Government is considering payment of Rs.1 lakh as relief to families of sportspersons who died of COVID-19.

District Rural BJP President Mangala Somashekar, leaders Vaaneesh, Yoganand, Mahesh, Jayaram and others were present on the occasion.



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DOCTORS' DAY MUSINGS

Two days ago on July 1, we observed the National Doctors' Day. The Prime Minister wished the doctors and thanked them. But more than thanks the doctors need something else — PROTECTION.

Indeed, the Government has done the needful by introducing and passing "The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020," which makes acts of violence on health workers treating COVID-19 patients a non-bailable offence with provisions for a hefty fine and a jail term of up to seven years.

Sadly no MP asked, while this Bill is ONLY relevant to doctors treating COVID patients, what happens to doctors and healthcare workers who are NOT treating COVID patients? Should they continue getting beaten up?

Nineteen States have passed the Medical Protection Act (MPA). Under this Act, offenders can get a jail term of up to three years and a fine of Rs. 50,000.

It may sound very protective, but in reality it is not. Because this Act neither features in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) nor in the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

What does this mean? Well, this means that when a doctor is beaten up and he or she rushes to the Police Station to file a complaint, the Police will not know under what Section of the IPC or CrPC to book the offender!

My advice to doctors, along with your stethoscope and ID card, please carry a copy of this Bill at all times to show the Police.

Interestingly, the name of this Act could give even the disease with the longest and the most challenging name to pronounce — Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis (pronounced Nyoo•muh•noh•uhl•truh•mai•kruh•skaw•puh•k•si•luh•koh•vawl•kay•noh•koh•nuh•oh•suhs) — a type of lung disease — a run for its money.

The Act is called "Protection Of Medicare Service Persons And Medicare Service Institutions, Prevention Of Violence And Damage To Property Act," also known as the Medical Protection Act (MPA).

In our country, the names of Laws and Acts are grand but that's all they are. Without implementation a Law is just a placebo. This reminds me of a statement, "In India laws are passed like urine….. it all ends up in the gutter." Without implementation, what use is a law?

Doctors have long been demanding that a Central Law be put in place instead of a State-wise MPA. But health matters, which includes protection of doctors, is a "State subject" — meaning only States have the power to frame and pass laws related to it. And States do not want to give it up as politicians like to control Hospitals and the doctors.

In fact, when the much-needed "Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020" to protect doctors treating COVID patients was tabled in Rajya Sabha, Derek O'Brien of the Trinamool Congress charged the Union Government of interfering in the functioning of States through the Bill. He said, "There are sinister provisions in the Bill. The States must be authorised to take decisions."

But the question is, when the "Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994 — making pre-natal sex determination illegal" can be a Central Law — why not MPA?

While we thank our doctors on Doctors Day, can we give them the gift of real protection from political *goondas* and violent relatives of patients?

Now that said, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind said, "We are deeply indebted to these selfless angels who have risked their lives to save ours." But today not all doctors are angels and over the years there are fewer doctors we can trust or revere.

If one is a discerning newspaper reader, one would have noticed in Mysuru in the last year-and-a-half, there have been three big financial scams, from stock trading to solar scam. In all the three scams, the biggest investors were doctors! And most of them invested in cash !

Interestingly, one *Star of Mysore* reader called our office and demanded that we publish the names of the investors in these scams because it was a matter of his health! I said explain.

This is what he said, *"I have a relative in the Police Department who told me that in all the three scams, it was mostly doctors who lost money, two of them happened to be my doctors. You must publish all these doctors' names, because I fear these doctors now will unnecessarily write tests we don't need and prescribe medicines we should not take so they can make up their loss. You must do it, it's public service."*

I told him we can only publish names of people who have filed a complaint and most people in these scams had paid in cash. All the same, I felt he had a point.

Empathy and kindness are very important traits to be a "true" doctor, only then will one think of the patient's "suffering." For that to happen, doctors may need to be administered more than just Hippocratic Oath.

This reminds me of a very harsh suggestion made by Dr. Robert Rudolph at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in USA. According to him, the best way to produce a good, sympathetic and humane doctor is to make it mandatory for student-doctors or residents to become patients!

He says, *"I believe every doctor should have a Nasogastric tube inserted once or twice and undergo a thorough Barium Enema. Perhaps, even be made to spend a night or two confined to a Hospital bed, plugged into an intravenous drip and then be subjected to harried and uncaring staff doctors and nurses while bed-ridden. I'll bet this trenchant exercise will produce far more empathetic, sympathetic and good doctors than multiple lectures on sensitivity and humanism by some medical academic, ethics professor, or member of the cloth. I dare say that I truly believe that my experiences of being a patient as a student sure as hell helped mould me into the caring and sensitive practitioner I am today!"*

There is no doubt that medical profession has serious probity issues. But then if you give doctors targets, then they are doctors no more, they become salesmen.

For many years, healthcare in India has been a commission-based business — from ambulance drivers to medical reps to diagnostic centres to referrals. That is why the Government, instead of wasting time trying to go after Private Hospitals and capping everything, is only forcing them to come down to their poor level of service. Let the rich and well-insured pay for the private service. Meanwhile, let the Government bring their Hospitals on par with Private Hospitals and cut corruption so the poor are not forced to visit Private Hospitals.

Now, the worry is not how many doctors are indulging in commission and 'cut practice' but the perception, credibility and trust. If one can't trust their doctors, then whom do we trust — in God? Or another doctor?

Is that why more and more patients are going for second and even third opinions, apart from Google consultation? All this just to make sure their doctor is not cheating them?

According to Dr. Kamal Kumar Mahawar, author of *The Ethical Doctor*, it is estimated that some 39 million families are pushed into poverty every year in India, simply as a result of mounting healthcare expenses incurred. Doctors' commissions account for a significant proportion of that cost and the trust deficit further escalates costs as patients go for second and third opinions.

Corruption seems to have crept in aggressively in two professions that people have given an exalted status — Healthcare and Journalism. One is revered as next to God, the other as the Fourth Pillar of Democracy. Guess in the end, **conscience** is the only system of self-regulation — some have it always, some lose it on the way, but then one can always grow it back.

Let's hope, the next Doctors' Day, while discussing about protecting doctors, the doctors will discuss about protecting patients too.

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Tusker on truck brings back Gajapayana memories

A scooterist stops to have a look at 'Pattada Aane' Vikram, who was being transported in a truck to Rampur Camp at Bandipur, while passing through RTO Circle in city yesterday afternoon. *[Pics by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&BCT)- Three months to go for the annual Dasara celebrations in Mysuru and at a time that there are indications that this year too Dasara would be scaled down thanks to the threat of COVID third wave, the appearance of an elephant on top of a truck in the heart of Mysuru city last evening gave a nostalgic feeling to residents.

Seeing the elephant on the truck — an elephant rescue vehicle —passers-by paused for a moment to stare at the majestic appearance of the pachyderm. Even vehicles stopped to have a look at Vikram who was being transported to Rampur Camp at Bandipur.

Elephants on trucks are an annual phenomenon in Mysuru and over 12 elephants are brought on trucks from various elephant camps managed by the Forest Department. People cheer the pachyderms including experienced tuskers and the Howdah Elephant as they arrive as part of the Gajapayana (elephant march from the forests to the city).

People bid them goodbye after each celebration and again, the elephants are transported in trucks back to the elephant camps. Last evening at around 3.15 whoever spotted Vikram on a truck passing through JLB Road, Ballal Circle and Ooty Road recollected Dasara memories and for a moment wondered what was happening.

Vikram is the Pattada Aane and he participates in the events conducted by the Mysore royal family including the Khas Durbar as part of the Navarathri festivities. Along with seasoned elephants like Arjuna, Abhimanyu and Harsha, Vikram too is an expert in wild elephant capture operations.

As such, he was taken from Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu District to Rampur Elephant Camp near Bandipur. Sometime back, he was taken to Ramanagara and Hassan to capture rogue elephants and now he will be at Rampur, said Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Hediyala Division M.S. Ravikumar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* he said that 13 elephants are being trained at Rampur Elephant Camp. "These elephants that are under training have not yet accustomed to human presence, movement of vehicles. They have to be trained to shed fears so that they can be made fit to be used in tiger capture operations. We are also training them to lift wooden logs and climb trucks without hesitation. As Vikram and Dhananjaya are experts in such tasks and operations, they have been brought to Rampur," he added.

At the Rampur camp there are seven male and six female elephants and Dasara elephant Jayaprakash is the lead elephant with other companions Chaitra, Lakshmi, Parthasarathi, Ganesha, Rusma, Rohit, Aishwarya, Nisarga, Bhaskar, Nugu, Kapila and Marisha. Among them Ganesha is a new combing expert.

"We were training them with the help of tuskers Arjuna and Gopalaswamy. Now as there is their requirement in Hassan for wild elephant operations, we are shifting them there and they are replaced at Rampur by Vikram and Dhananjaya. Also, Mahouts and Kavadis are being trained," he said.

Vikram reached the Rampur Elephant Camp near Moolehole Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve in the evening. Interestingly, the Rampur camp is located amidst natural forests and rarely there is human contact, except for Forest Department staff.

Long-standing staff of Muzrai Temples to be transferred?

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Under the Hindu Religious Endowment Department, over 35,000 temples in Karnataka are categorised into 'A', 'B', and 'C' categories based on their revenue generation. There are 18,228 staff. Those generating more revenue are under 'A', those generating little less revenue are under 'B' and temples not generating any revenue are under 'C'.

In a circular issued on June 28 to Assistant Commissioners of the Endowment Department and all Deputy Commissioners, Rohini Sindhuri has sought information about the staff to provide a list of all the staff working in category A and B temples for more than five years.

To prevent misuse of funds

Rohini Sindhuri's latest order comes at a time when many Muzrai temples have been in the news for all the wrong reasons. Lack of transparency in affairs of some temples has caused a loss to the State exchequer. The 'A Grade' temples attract huge donations from devotees who make offerings through various *sevas* and *hundis*.

There are complaints that the staff and priests who are familiar with the day-to-day administration of the temples misuse the funds by diverting the *hundi* donation.

Most frauds do not come to light

Once the fraud is discovered, nothing much happens after the accused are suspended as political clout and familiarity of the place developed over the years are used to dodge disciplinary action and subsequent inquiries and transfers. Also, most of the times these misappropriations do not come to light as the appointments are made within the purview of the Temple Management Committee.

In fact, Rohini Sindhuri would become the first Commissioner to enforce the order if long-serving priests and staff are transferred.

DG&IGP Praveen Sood on a three-day visit

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During his meetings, Sood will gather information about the law and order situation in the region and review the steps taken to maintain peace and also COVID lockdown enforcement.

He is expected to check investigations conducted so far into serious and heinous crimes against women and children.

Sources said that the law and order of the city and district would be reviewed and he will guide the Policemen to find anti-social elements and take steps against them as per law. He will also lay emphasis on crushing the drug menace with an iron hand.

His visit will boost the morale of the Police during a pandemic situation at a time when many Police personnel in Southern Range including Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Hassan are infected by the virus and are recuperating at various stages of infection.

He will take stock of the staff strength and availability of personnel and equipment for various tasks during future law and order challenges, sources added.

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Medical fraternity feted on Doctors' Day

Mysuru, July 3 (RKB&KS) - As part of National Doctors' Day, various organisations had organised programmes to felicitate doctors, who have been in the frontline during COVID-19 pandemic to treat COVID patients and help them to recover from the infection besides instilling confidence in them to overcome all odds.

At a function organised at Maharaja College Centenary Hall during the vaccination drive for College students, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar felicitated the frontline warriors with garlands, shawl and fruit baskets.

The doctors, who were felicitated are: District Health Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and COVID-19 Immunisation Officer Dr. L. Ravi, District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Mahadevaprasad, Nodal Officer for Vaccination Dr. Shivashankar, Mysuru City Corporation Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, COVID Care Centres' Nodal Officers Dr. S.U. Ashok and Dr. Ravi and Dr. Basavaraj of University of Mysore. University of Mysore Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Varsity's teaching and non-teaching staff were present.

Doctors who were felicitated by Mysore Medical College Alumni Association.

Medical fraternity honoured during the vaccination drive for college students at Maharaja's College.

In another function, Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA) honoured doctors at an event organised at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) on July 1.

The doctors who were felicitated are: PKTB&CD Hospital former Medical Superintendent Dr. H.M. Virupaksha, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Dr. B.S. Jayaraj of JSS Hospital, Dr. G. Malathy of MMC&RI, Dr. M.I. Nayaz Pasha of District Hospital and Dr. K.R. Chandrakala of the Health and Family Welfare Department. MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Principal Dr. Dakshayini, MAA President Dr. Anandravi, Secretary Dr. P. Malegowda, Dr. H.B. Shashidhar, Dr. Prasanna Shankar, Dr. L. Devegowda, Dr. G. Venkatesh, Dr. K.T. Chandrashekar, Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Dr. Harish, Dr. S. Chandrashekar, Dr. T.M. Mahadevappa, Dr. R. Sudha and Dr. M.L. Ramachandra were present on the occasion.

Dr. B.C. Roy Sadbhavana Awardee

Mysuru, July 3 (RK&KS) - Marking National Doctors' Day, Dr. C. Sharath Kumar, Director of Mediwave IVF and Fertility Research Hospital, Mysuru, was conferred with Dr. B.C. Roy Sadbhavana Award at a function organised by Sri Vasudeva Maharaja Foundation, Vidyaranyapuram in association with Hoysala Karnataka Sangha on Narayana Shastri Road, at the Sangha premises in city on July 1.

Social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Sangha President K.R. Sathyanarayana, Co-Secretary S. Ranganath, Treasurer N.S. Jayasimha, Executive Committee Member Anupama, former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Founder-President of Vasudeva Maharaja Foundation M.V. Nagendra Babu, Mysuru District Journalists Association President S.T. Ravikumar and others were present.

'Hasirotsava' marks Revenue Day

Mysuru, July 3 (RK&KS) - The officials and staff of the Revenue Department celebrated Revenue Day under the theme 'Hasirotsava' by planting saplings in various Government Office premises here on July 1.

At an event organised by the Revenue Department Employees Association and Village Accountants Association at the new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham inaugurated the programme by planting a sapling and watering it.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that by planting saplings in various Government Office premises and nurturing it, the surroundings would be covered with greenery which in turn would keep everyone healthy. When a Government employee himself plants saplings and takes care of them, the public will be motivated and will help keep the environment clean and healthy, he added.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Assistant Commissioner B. Kamala Bai, Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, Revenue Inspectors, Village Accountants and other officials were present.

Inner Wheel Club constructs bus shelter

The bus shelter, constructed by Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central at a cost of Rs. 5 lakh at Gun House-Nanjangud Road junction, was inaugurated by MLA S.A. Ramdas on Saturday. Club President Kavitha Vinod, Club Chairperson Varija Jagadish, Secretary Lakshmi Arun, President-Elect Sandhya Dinesh, Past President Sowjanya Attavar, K.S. Parvathi V. Shetty, Susheela Marigowda, Chandrika Suresh, Rachana Nagesh, Priya Tantri, Mamata Sundarraj, N. Nandini, Vidya, Reena Paul, Suchetha, Anitha Suresh, Bharati, Sumita, Susheela, Preethi and others were present on the occasion.

Corporator launches UGD works

Corporator SBM Manju on Thursday performed guddali puja for the UGD works taken up at Gokulam and Brindavan Layout at a cost of Rs. 10.30 lakh. UGD Division Engineer Jagadish, residents Ramamurthy, Keshavamurthy, Krishnamurthy, Nagabhushan, Gowramma and others were present.

Weekend curfew: No curbs on bus services

Mysuru, July 3 (SBD&SSV)- Despite weekend curfew in force till 5 am on July 5, there will be no curbs on the purchase of essential commodities tomorrow.

According to guidelines issued by the State Government, the weekend curfew has been in force on the entire State from 7 pm on Friday up to 5 am on Monday. Since Mysuru district has been elevated to Category-2 from Category-3, the shops such as grocery, fruits and vegetables, milk booths, meat stalls and other essential supplies can be opened from 6 am to 2 pm on Sunday.

According to Divisional Controller, KSRTC, city and rural bus services will be available on Sunday but it will run on the number of passengers and demand. Though the bus service resumed on June 28, passengers were still hesitant to travel. As many as 120 buses are operated in city and 220 buses in rural areas.

However, restrictions will be in force for other activities like road-side vending, walking in parks, industries, movement of autorickshaw and cabs.

Police will continue to keep an eye on those who move around the city unnecessarily thereby flouting lockdown rules.

Vehicles used for joy riding will be seized besides clamping case. The men in khaki will enquire who travel in private vehicles to reach Railway Station or Bus Stand for the outstation travel. The metal barricades will be placed on all main roads, important circles and junctions to check joy riding.

No clarity

There is no clarity whether citizens can travel in city buses following restriction on the public movement after 2 pm tomorrow. The guidelines permit travelling only on emergency work. At the same time, permission has been given to operate city and rural bus service. The order has been silent on alternative transport arrangements in the wake of restriction on autorickshaws and cabs. This needs to be clarified by the District Administration.

Global heat to increase by 1.4 to 5.8 degree Celsius by 2100, opines UoM VC

Prof.Hemantha Kumar *Prof. Rangappa*

Mysuru, July 3 (RKB&SSV)- According to statistics, by 2100, the global temperature will increase in the range of 1.4 degree Celsius to 5.8 degree Celsius and it is going to change weather and will become a topic of discussion in the coming decades, opined Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM).

He was delivering his presidential address in a national-level webinar on 'Climate Change: Ecological Restoration and Socio-Ecological Sustainability" organised jointly by the Department of Environmental Sciences, UoM, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources and Institute for Social and Economical Changes (ISEC), Bengaluru, yesterday.

The VC said that when compared to 10,000 years ago, global temperature will change rapidly in the next one century. Already, plants and animals were finding it difficult to adjust to the current weather condition. This has been the main reason for swift changes in global temperature. As part of 'Go green' campaign, the University will be planting 10,000 saplings in the campus, planning to buy two e-vehicles and install solar lights.

There are 15,000 big and 9,000 small trees in the Manasagangothri campus. Students were being used to increase the green cover in Varsity campus. A similar campaign has been taken up in Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Hassan Post Graduate Centres. A new Rain Water Harvesting Technology was being adopted to store rain water and to meet demand during rainy season.

Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, UoM and KSOU; Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar, UoM and others were present.

Deploy mobile teams to vaccinate citizens in city: Congress leaders

Mysuru, July 3 (SBD&SSV)- Former MLA M.K. Somashekar and KPCC Spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh met Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham and appealed him to speed up the ongoing vaccination drive in district.

The duo met the DC here yesterday and submitted him a memorandum requesting to hasten vaccination of Frontline Workers and Priority Groups. A number of Corona Warriors have not taken the vaccine till this date due to some reasons. Such persons must be identified and vaccinated without delay. Over 1.80 lakh students, teaching and non-teaching staff of all colleges in the entire district have to be jabbed immediately.

No politics

They said Assembly-wise vaccination was going in city to make available vaccine to all sections of the people. The State Government has free supplied vaccines but some politicians were using the symbols, the flags and workers of their parties and trying to take political mileage of the Government-sponsored vaccination drive.

Vaccination sites were looking like publicity offices of certain political parties. A number of thinkers and senior citizens have taken objection for giving political touch to Govt. programme. Such things must not be entertained in district, they added.

Mobile teams

They suggested to the District Administration to deploy mobile teams across the city to vaccinate people at designated spots in the areas. The citizens were facing difficulties due to non-availability of vaccine in any of the vaccination centre.

Those who were supposed to take the second dose, were not getting vaccine. Doctors have said that the second dose must be taken after 84 days from the day of first dose but many haven't been vaccinated even after 90-95 days. This was causing anxiety for people. Vaccination by mobile teams was the only panacea to address the current situation, they noted.

Now, pregnant women can take COVID vaccine

New Delhi, July 3- In a much-awaited decision, the Union Health Ministry has accepted the recommendations of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) that COVID-19 vaccination is safe for pregnant women.

With this, now they can register on CoWIN or walk-in to the nearest COVID Vaccination Centre (CVC) to get themselves vaccinated. The operational guideline for vaccinating pregnant women, counselling kit for Medical Officers and Frontline Workers and IEC material for the public has been shared with States/ UTs for its implementation.

"Pregnant woman, who opts for vaccination, can be inoculated with the COVID-19 vaccines available in the country any time during their pregnancy at the nearest Government or Private COVID Vaccination Centres after registration on CoWIN or by walk-in registration at the nearest CVC."

The procedures and modalities of for vaccination like registration, generation of certificates after vaccination, etc. will remain the same as it is for any beneficiaries above 18 years of age under the National COVID Vaccination Program.

The Union Health Ministry had earlier said, "Most pregnant women will be asymptomatic or have a mild disease, but their health may deteriorate rapidly and that might affect the foetus too. It is important that they take all precautions to protect themselves from acquiring COVID-19, including taking vaccination against COVID-19. It is therefore advised that a pregnant woman should take COVID-19 vaccines."

Safe for lactating, pregnant women

NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog Member, Dr. V.K. Paul had earlier said that four COVID-19 vaccines — Covishield, Covaxin, Sputnik V and Moderna — that have been approved by the Centre, are safe for lactating mothers and pregnant women. "These four vaccines are safe for lactating mothers. The vaccine has no association with infertility.

A recent study by Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) had also found that pregnant & postpartum women were more affected during second wave of COVID-19 in the country than the first.

Co-op. Societies asked to submit information on appointment of Auditors

Mysuru, July 3- The Co-operation Department has asked all Co-operative Societies and Bodies to update information on appointment of Auditors for auditing their accounts for the year 2020-21.

In a press release, the Department said that Societies must submit information to the Department on the appointment of an Auditor or auditing firm during their Annual General Body Meetings (AGMs), to the Department within 7 days. Also, the Societies are asked to submit a copy of the proceedings of the AGM, signed by the CEO or the President, at the office of the Joint Director (Audit) of Co-operative Societies located on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar.

The Department will take suitable action as per the provisions of Co-operative Societies Act, against defaulting Societies, according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2521428.

WORD OF THE DAY

Waesucks

Pronunciation: wey-suhks
Meaning: Alas.
Origin: Waesucks or waesuck, "alas, woe (is me)," is a Scots word composed of wae, the Scots form of woe, and suck or sucks, Scots variants of the noun sake, now used only in the expression "for the sake of X, for X's sake." But Robert Burns uses waesucks in The Holy Fair (1786), which makes waesucks a keeper.
Example: But waesucks! night cam' on at last, / And fiercely raged the furious blast; / And, what made waur his piteous case, / The storm blew keenly in his face. — Alexander Rodger, Peter Cornclips: A Tale Of Real Life; With Other Poems & Songs, 1827.

THE ODD WORD

Wang

The cheek; a molar.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Worlds apart

Meaning: Greatly separated by differing attitudes, needs, opinions or temperaments.
Origin: Scholars are not certain of the origin of the idiom "worlds apart". The term is closely related to the late 13th century Latin distantia, which is an expression of remoteness or a "standing apart." By the late 14th century, the figurative meaning of remoteness grew to include space between places or things, which is essentially the same meaning as the more modern idiom "worlds apart."
Example: "They are worlds apart. I can't imagine how they ever decided to get married."

QUOTE BOX

He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals. **—Benjamin Franklin**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer : To err on the side of caution.

SUDOKU

					4		6	
6	1		5			9		
			3					8
	6	1				4		
3			2		6			9
		9				6	2	
4					9			
		5			8		1	7
	3		7					

Answer to previous puzzle

1	7	3	9	5	6	2	8	4
8	4	5	7	1	2	3	9	6
6	2	9	3	4	8	7	5	1
9	5	7	4	8	1	6	2	3
3	1	4	6	2	9	5	7	8
2	8	6	5	7	3	4	1	9
5	6	1	8	3	7	9	4	2
4	3	8	2	9	5	1	6	7
7	9	2	1	6	4	8	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

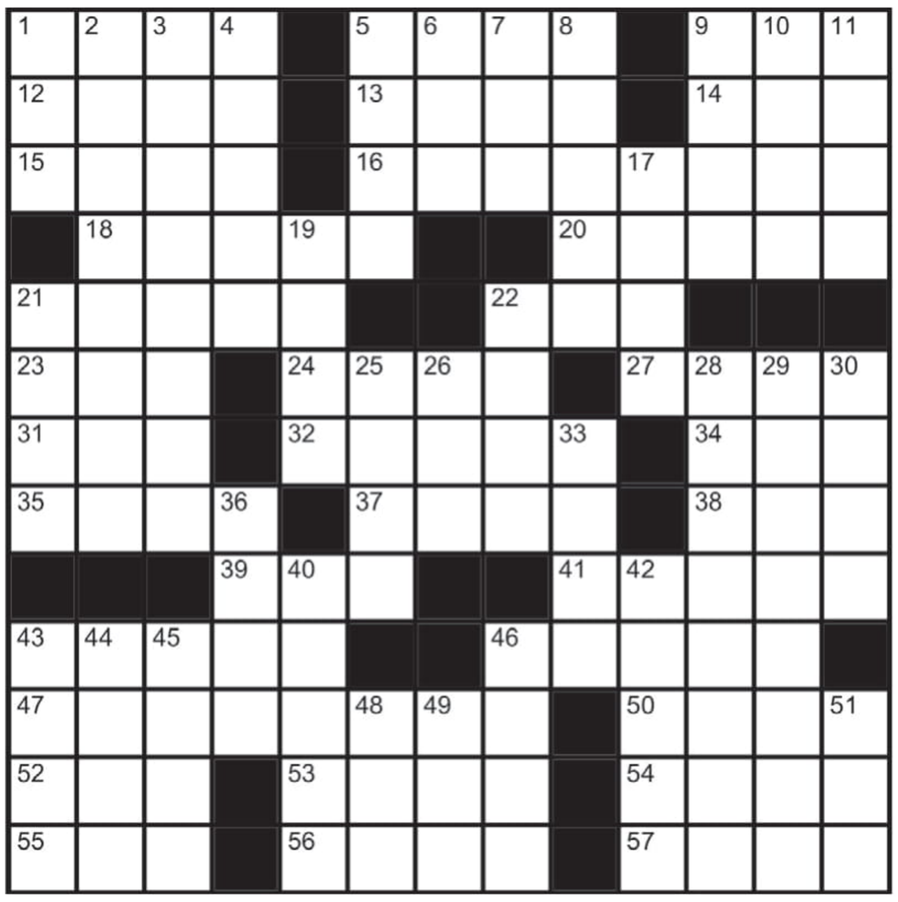
1 Nocturnal birds
5 Fussy one
9 Sharukh Khan's ___ Ho Na Ho
12 ___ up : compose or draft a document etc.
13 Person of one of the races of Japan
14 Navigational dir.
15 A small river fish
16 Reaction facilitator
18 Entreats or begs
20 Call on
21 Seed kin
22 Lummox
23 Electronic Instrument Sys.
24 Bible book
27 Old Russian ruler
31 IV givers
32 Lift
34 Japanese sash
35 Elbe tributary
37 One of the USA
38 Circuit
39 Little devil
41 Entertain
43 Lively
46 Authored
47 Very agitated (2,1,5)
50 ___ step : avoid by stepping out of the way?
52 At this time
53 Sibilance
54 Festival of colour
55 International news giants
56 Narrow notch
57 One-named Irish singer

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

N	A	G	S	■	A	B	E	L	■	M	B	A
U	P	U	L	■	R	E	C	I	T	A	L	S
M	I	R	E	■	T	E	U	T	O	N	I	C
B	O	U	D	O	I	R	■	T	I	M	S	■
■	■	■	G	E	E	■	A	L	L	O	T	S
T	O	T	E	M	■	T	A	E	■	H	E	T
R	E	A	D	■	N	O	R	■	V	A	R	Y
A	N	S	■	V	I	E	■	R	I	N	S	E
P	O	M	M	E	L	■	S	A	C	■	■	■
■	L	A	O	S	■	E	P	I	T	A	P	H
S	O	N	A	T	I	N	A	■	O	R	E	O
A	G	I	T	A	T	O	R	■	R	E	E	L
P	Y	A	■	S	O	L	E	■	Y	A	R	D

DOWN

1 Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected
2 ___ up: making into a parcel?
3 "Cor seals" anagram for a ball game
4 Use bad language
5 Shoes patterned after moccasins
6 Inlet for "air" change !
7 Commonly used suffix - "Tin" anagram?
8 Tropical fruit
9 Lock openers
10 Comp. codes
11 Riga resident
17 Elevate
19 Yes
21 Very dry
22 Greek peak
25 A successful action
26 __ for tat : "jaise ko taisa" in vernacular?
28 Answer
29 In a manner that lowers, humiliates or debases
30 When fruit is this it should be picked
33 India's desert region
36 Tears off
40 Legends or epics
42 Israel's ___ Dayan
43 Metallic element
44 Privy to (2,2)
45 A useful piece for advancement on the chessboard?
46 Cricket team __ Indies
48 Be unwell or sick
49 Tech. Std. Order
51 Electronic Industries Assoc.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HZHCW AUV MHCZHM U GMHYGK TGCTSMH: U ABMHC,

YSC HEUATKH, AUQHM U OSVLHCYGK UVPHMDSC.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS R

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We are all of us resigned to death: it's life we aren't resigned to.

Bank Note Paper Mill donates essentials worth Rs. 35 lakh to MCC

Mysuru, July 3 (KS) - Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd. (BNPM), Mysuru, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), donated 20,000 reusable masks, 1,000 PPE kits and essential medicines worth Rs. 35 lakh to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) recently.

BNPM Managing Director K.G. Viswanathan handed over the above items to MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy at the company's premises. Viswanathan said that the company strives to contribute to the overall health and wellness of the society in every manner possible under the company's CSR activity.

MCC Commissioner thanked BNPM for extending help during these tough times.

General Manager (F&A) Dharani Kumara, General Manager (Tech.) Ananta Hegde, General Manager (HR &Admn.) Abhaya Kumar Mahapatro and other officials were present.

SOFTEN hands over thermometers to MDJA

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&DM)- SOFTEN, a CSR Group of Infosys, Mysuru, handed over 250 thermometers to Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) to be distributed among journalists at an event held at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on June 29

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar expressed gratitude to SOFTEN for showing concern to Journalists.

Infosys SOFTEN Resource person Raghavendra Udupa, Infosys Security Head Anantharaju, Poovaiah, MDJA office-bearers M.Subramanya, M.S. Basavanna, P. Rangaswamy and others were present.

Trust gives away ration kits to Home Guards

Mysuru, July 3 (MK&DM)- The city's Anveshana Seva Trust distributed ration kits to over 50 Home Guards and auto drivers at a programme organised at K.R.Traffic Police Station here recently.

The Trust also presented a Hot Water Dispenser Unit to the Police Station.

Speaking on the occasion, ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharswamy said that Home Guards have served the society during COVID pandemic by joining hands with the Police. Pointing out that Home Guards serve for lower wages, he complimented the Trust for distributing the ration kits to needy Home Guards and auto drivers who are facing a lot of hardship during the pandemic.

K.R.Traffic Inspector Vinay, PSI Pooja, Anveshana Seva Trust's Amarnath Raje Urs and others were present.

City Dermatologist donates Rs. 50,000 to COVID Care Hospital

City's senior Consultant Dermatologist and former Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dr. H. Hanumanthappa donated Rs. 50,000 to Alilu Seve COVID Care Hospital located at Hunsur, which is serving the rural poor COVID patients. Dr. Hanumanthappa is seen handing over the cheque to the representatives of Alilu COVID Hospital.

Pandal Shop Owners' Assn. distributes grocery kits to labourers

Mysuru Jilla Pandal Malikara Sangha, under N.R. Assembly Constituency unit, distributed grocery kits to more than 200 pandal labours and workers who are facing severe problems due to closure of shops following COVID-induced lockdown. The distribution was launched by Udayagiri Sub-Inspector P. Nataraj in the presence of Hon. Vice-President of Karnataka State Pandal Association Abdul Rehaman and Mysuru District Pandal Owners Association Hon. President Shivakumar. Hon. Vice-President of Karnataka State Pandal Owners Association Abdul Rehaman, Secretary Wasim, Treasurer Nagaraj, Amjad Pasha, Anil, Manju, Zaheer, Khaleel, Srishanth, Sudha, Ravish Gowda, Murali, Madhu, social worker Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi and others were present. Sub-Inspector Nataraj was felicitated on the occasion.

Malabar Gold and Diamonds provides groceries to poor

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, Mysuru, which has been serving the poor and the needy during the current COVID-19 pandemic, distributed grocery kits to the needy people at Shanthinagar in city recently. The kits were distributed by former Mayor Ayub Khan and Malabar Store Head Sharaffudin in the presence of others.

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